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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA  
ALEXANDRIA DIVISION

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WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA  
ALEXANDRIA, LOUISIANA

COCA L. EDWARDS, JR.,  
Plaintiff

CIVIL ACTION NO. 1:18-CV-645-P

VERSUS

JUDGE DEE D. DRELL

STATE OF LOUISIANA, ET AL.,  
Defendants

MAGISTRATE JUDGE PEREZ-MONTES

**JUDGMENT**

For the reasons contained in the Report and Recommendation of the Magistrate Judge previously filed herein, noting the absence of objections thereto, and concurring with the Magistrate Judge's findings under the applicable law;

IT IS ORDERED that Edwards's claim for monetary damages for false arrest is hereby STAYED, pending the outcome of his criminal proceedings, in accordance with the following conditions:

- a. Within thirty (30) days of the date the state court criminal proceeding has concluded, Edwards SHALL FILE a motion asking this Court to lift the stay as to the false arrest claim. The action will proceed at that time, absent some other bar to suit. See Wallace v. Kato, 549 U.S. 384 (2007).
- b. If the criminal proceeding is not concluded within six (6) months, Edwards SHALL FILE, on or before January 30, 2018, a status report indicating the expected completion date of the proceeding. Additional status reports shall be filed every six (6) months thereafter until the stay is lifted.

In light of the stay, Edwards SHALL NOT file any more documents related to his claims until the state court proceedings have concluded.

To the extent Edwards seeks the dismissal of his criminal charges, or a release from custody, his claim is DENIED and DISMISSED with prejudice as such relief is not available in a § 1983 action.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Alexandria, Louisiana, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2018.



DEE D. DRELL  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE